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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
; Kaoru OKUNO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 1983  
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Filed: December 12, 2000 : Examiner: J. Hoffmann  
For: OPTICAL FIBER MAKING METHOD AND OPTICAL FIBER MAKING  
APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office

Action dated June 19, 2003.